

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q1. Is it OK to use the “old” Form 14?**

A No. This form lacks the section for the TB reading date.

**Q2. What if a student transfers from school to school?**

A Up to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the Form 14 that they have is still valid for TB clearance.

**Q3. What about students who leave HI to attend school on the mainland for 1+ years. Is the original clearance still valid when they return to re-enter school in HI?**

A If there is proof of a prior tuberculin test (TT date given, date read, and reading in mm), it will still be valid.

**Q4. What about students who leave HI to attend school in a foreign country?**

A If a student returns to a foreign country and remains there for 31 days, retest. If there is already a positive tuberculin test, do an interview assessment for signs & symptoms for TB.

**Q5. What follow-up is required for students entering the school system with an x-ray clearance only instead of a tuberculin test (This happens occasionally when a child received live viral vaccines prior to receiving a tuberculin test.)?**

A A tuberculin test cannot be administered unless there is at least a 4 -week interval from the time that a viral vaccine is given. The follow-up to see if the tuberculin test is done is the responsibility of the school.

**Q6. Will teachers need another clearance if they’ve gone away from HI to teach?**

A No, if it is within the US. However, if the teacher left to teach in a country where the rate of TB is high, another clearance before returning to teach in HI is recommended.

**Q7. Short term TB clearance: Example – if a foreign student comes to HI for a 2 –week class or workshop, will a TB clearance be required?**

A If the course does not exceed 15 days, clearance is not required if in grade 12 or below. If it is after 12<sup>th</sup> grade and the activity is less than 6 months, clearance is not required.

**Q8. School volunteers?**

A No clearance is required unless he / she works in the school for more than 15 days within the school year.

**Q9. Home school students?**

A If a child reports to a school to take a written exam only, no TB clearance is required.

**Q10. Adult Education?**

A No TB clearance is needed if the course is less than 6 months.